

House File 535

H-1231

1 Amend House File 535 as follows:

2 1. By striking everything after the enacting clause
3 and inserting:

4 <Section 1. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION — PRESCHOOL
5 STUDIES.

6 1. The department of education, in collaboration
7 with the board of educational examiners, shall conduct
8 a study of preschool programs and related funding,
9 administration, teacher preparation, and licensure
10 issues; income levels of families utilizing the
11 programs; student achievement levels; efficacy for
12 populations served or potentially served; and the
13 availability of public and private preschool programs
14 statewide. The study shall also explore the use of
15 a statewide assessment to determine kindergarten
16 preparedness. The department shall submit its
17 findings, plans for future funding, and recommendations
18 for statutory language in a report to the general
19 assembly by December 15, 2011.

20 2. The department of education shall conduct a
21 longitudinal study of the children who participated
22 in the statewide preschool program for four-year-old
23 children to determine the effectiveness of the
24 program in improving student learning in reading
25 and mathematics. The study shall include the income
26 levels of families whose children were enrolled in
27 the program, shall review the quality indicators of
28 the preschool program since 2007, and shall include
29 the results of the Iowa tests of basic skills results
30 for students in grade three who were enrolled in the
31 program as four-year-olds. The study shall also review
32 the integration of services provided or funded by the
33 federal head start program, the early childhood Iowa
34 initiative, shared visions, or federal and state early
35 childhood special education programs. The department
36 shall report the results of the study to the governor
37 and general assembly on or before July 1, 2013.>

38 2. Title page, by striking lines 1 through 4 and
39 inserting <An Act requiring the department of education
40 to conduct studies of preschool programs and the
41 effectiveness of the statewide preschool program for
42 four-year-old children.>

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